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## Newark receives \$2 million to recruit new police officers

NEWARK—Newark recently received the "best Christmas gift it could ever receive," according to Mayor Sharpe James, when president Bill Clinton announced that he was awarding New Jersey's largest city \$2 million for 40 additional police officers.

Mayor James was one of six mayors selected by the White House who were informed during a conference call from president Clinton that their communities were the first to receive community policing grants under a \$150 million supplemental appropriations bill.

The president congratulated the mayors "for working so hard to help make their communities and the country safer again," and announced that they, "along with the leaders of 68 other cities and towns across America, are the first to receive the first

grants to put more police on the streets and expand community policing."

Calling these grants "just a down payment in our pledge to put 100,000 additional police officers on the streets," the President noted, "It's just a beginning, and as soon as Congress comes back in 1994, I want them to send me a crime bill that puts 100,000 more police on the streets, expand boot camps and drug corps, get hangouts out of the hands of minors and ban assault weapons."

He said the justice department had received more than 1,000 applications for team policing grants and noted the proposals received from the six mayors' police departments "were truly outstanding."

Referring to the Brady Bill "which broke seven years of gridlock on this issue" and was signed earlier this month, President Clinton stressed,

"We just can't wait any longer for the crime bill."

The President urged the mayors to tell their citizens and police officers that "help is on the way," and his administration would "do their best to be there for you and be good partners with you, and we'll stay there for you until the job is done."

Other officials on the line for the call were Mayors Richard Riordan of Los Angeles, James Griffin of Buffalo, Paul E. Tauer of Aurora, Colorado, Nelson Wolf of San Antonio and Gary Lester of Saginaw, Michigan.

"Our Renaissance and our struggle must be more than mortar and bricks," Mayor James told the President, "and since public safety is our number one issue this gift from your leadership will certainly help us to ensure that public safety remains our number one priority."

The additional officers would augment the class of 62 recruits who were inducted into the police Academy last week and would be assigned to Newark's neighborhoods under the community policing program.

James commended the president for his leadership in the passage of the crime bill, "but more importantly, today we can thank you for bringing Newark, New Jersey, home a very Christmas."

Attorney General Janet Reno congratulated the Mayors and said, "We look forward to working with you in a partnership. This selection process was the first round, and there are more (grants) to come. These applications indicate just what can be done with community policing; how it can both prevent crime and identify the really bad guys who need to be put away," President Clinton stressed that

community policing must emphasize crime prevention as much as "catching people who break the law."

Drug czar Lee Brown, who started a community policing program when he was police commissioner in New York City, said "in New York after one year, we saw crime go down in every major category for the first time in 36 years. I see it (community policing) as not only a better, but smarter, and certainly more cost effective way of using police resources."

Following the phone call, Mayor James stated, "We are going to go ahead with this down payment and put the police officers in our academy, and graduate them within 20 weeks, by May."

"Tackling America's crime problem requires both an immediate and long term approach, right now we have to get the guns off the streets, out of the hands of our young people. Then we have to address long term needs like education, recreation, job training and actual jobs."

According to the Mayor, the two most pressing public safety issues in Newark are slow police responses time and the lack of manpower. His police director William E. Foster said the department will use the federal money to put 40 new officers in "the neighborhoods to increase visibility and shorten response time."

City Council president Gary Harris also was present and noted that increasing the manpower levels of the Police Department "is clearly a priority initiative of the mayor and Council, despite a very austere budget, and we worked together to find the money to put the new cadets into the Police Academy."

## National Political Congress of Black Women arrested for picketing The Wiz

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc. (NPCBW) announced its plans to withdraw economic support and take action against the record store chain The Wiz at a recent press conference at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

A coalition of NPCBW members and community leaders then marched from the Grand Hyatt to The Wiz located at 1115 F Street, in downtown Washington.

NPCBW National Chair Dr. C. DeLores Tucker was joined by comedian/activist Dick Gregory, syndicated radio talkshow host Joe Madison, and others at The Wiz record store to register their outrage against negative gangsta rap and misogynist lyrics that degrade and denigrate women. This is nothing more than pornographic smut! We want record companies such as The Wiz to refuse to sell such cultural garbage.

NPCBW chose to demonstrate at The Wiz because it is "one of the largest

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## Tarik West: example of Robeson Philosophy

by Sherry Burrus

Paul Robeson Network for African-American Males is a Rutgers University-Newark campus organization that originated in 1979. It was founded by faculty members Ray Smith, William Jones, George Davis, Arthur Powell and Dean Cassey Miller. These men felt that there was a need for a black male support group on campus.

By 1987, the organization slowly began to drift away. The need for the support group was still very much alive, thus in 1988 students re-organized the group and got it chartered, funded and recognized by the Student Government Association under the name Paul Robeson Network.

According to the current president of the PRN, Tarik West, The name Paul Robeson was chosen as a subject name for the organization because "Paul Robeson was an all around renaissance man who fought for the betterment of Afro-Americans, as well as all man kind."

Growing up in the city, more than often, hard to do. And if it's a city like Newark, then, your chances of doing something positive, or becoming somebody influential, are lessened each day. But even with all of Newark's hardships, car chases, and drug infested areas, the (Newark) still manages to produce citizens who care and want to help wake up the people of Newark. One of these citizens is 19-year-old Tarik West.

While most 19-year-olds are either hanging out in the streets or have no clue as to what they want to do. With their lives, West not only knows what he wants to do, but has already begun doing it.

West, a sophomore at Rutgers University's Newark School of Arts and Sciences with a double major in

English Education and African-American Studies, has already started reaching out to others in his community.

Six out of Seven days West is inside the classrooms. He not only carries a full load of classes, but also finds time to tutor or teach other college and high school students. "It's like leading two lives on and off campus. I'm always on the go, but it's all worth it," commented West.

Monday-Thursday and Fridays he tutors English at Essex County College. Thursday's he teaches English to sophomores and juniors at his alma mater Science High School, and on Saturdays, while the average 19-year-old is still sleeping, West is a teacher's assistant at New Jersey Institute of Technology for a pre-college program for seventh and eighth graders.

What about extra curricular activities? Well West has acted them too. He is a member of five on campus organizations. The Peer Judicial Board is a board that consist of students and staff who act as judges and jurors in cases brought against students. He's also a member of the Black Organization of Students, a Senator-at-large for the class of 1996 on the Student Government Association, a member of Pan-African Students United, and President of The Paul Robeson Network of African-American Males.

PRN is an organization designed originally as a support group for African-American males on campus. The organization has been involved in feeding the homeless and are currently looking forward to tutoring members of Cuse House in Irvington.

Comparing his life to that of an average 19-year-old West says that he lives a normal life. "I don't see it as being all that different from the average 19-year-old." He's modest too.



Tarik West on Rutgers Newark Campus Photo by Jon Johnson

## Renewal and celebration: Drawing strength from family tradition in the New Year

by Angela Mitchell

As the elders and medicine people of many cultures have known for thousands of years, good health means a great deal more than eating right and visiting the doctor. Cohesive family traditions, reinforced by strong traditions of renewal and reflection can be just as important to good health as watching your weight and getting exercise.

As Americans, most of us participate in at least some of this country's New Year rituals. But for many people of color in the U.S., the New Year is a time to draw strength from the traditions of their ancestors. Special foods are eaten for good luck; precautions are taken to ward off evil and invite good health and good luck.

The passing of another year is, in some ways, a bittersweet occasion, underscoring our mortality (thus inviting reflection) and our regenerative, optimistic spirit. It is a time for thanks for past and hopes for the future, for honoring the elders and celebrating the children.

Asians: Celebrating Good Luck & Good Health. The Chinese New Year celebration comes alive with dragons and firecrackers at New Year's. The traditional Chinese New Year is observed according to the Chinese lunar calendar, about a month after the January 1st date. This year, the Chinese New Year falls on February 9th.

Families prepare for the coming holiday by conducting a thorough house-cleaning—washing curtains, painting walls and buying new furniture. Everything must be clean and new to welcome the new year. When New Year's Eve arrives, the family gathers for a meal of the ancestors' favorite foods, some of which are placed before a shrine to the ancestors in the home.

After dinner, everyone changes into new orange, yellow or red New Year's Eve wear—the colors of good luck and health—and goes out to buy cherry blossoms (for health and wealth) and pastries (for good luck) to bring back to the home. Everyone, especially the young people, stays up late, because, as legend goes, a monstrous dragon will come to attack the people and someone must be awake to protect the family.

On New Year's day, the family pays visits and receives guests. A vegetarian meal is prepared—killing of animals is forbidden on the first day of the year (humans are to be on their best behavior). No cleaning is done on this day for fear that one will "clean up" the good luck brought to the home the day before. The celebration actually continues for the next thirteen days, during which time married couples give all unmarried people they meet—especially children, money wrapped in a fancy red envelope, called red packets. Everyone, from oldest to youngest, is included in the Chinese New Year celebration.

Honoring the elders and the ancestors is also central to the traditional Korean New Year's ritual. On New Year's Day, Korean families gather for a meal and to pay respect to the ancestors and elders in a ceremony called seoh-bae.

Everyone wears new, brightly colored hanbok, the traditional Korean costume (which looks like a cross between an Indian sari and a Japanese kimono). Before eating, the family puts food before the shrine to the ancestors (there is one in every household in Korea). After the meal, a bowing ceremony takes place. First, everyone bows to the eldest family members—the grand-

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*All people share the  
desire to be with those  
they love to usher in  
another year*

## Plainfield adult school receives international marketing award

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Adult School recently walked off with first place honors in marketing strategies for its Fall bulletin at the Learning Resources Network's (LERN) 21st Annual Conference. LERN, an international association in lifelong learning, provides information and consulting services to organizations offering educational programming for adults. The conference was held in San Francisco with the theme "Prospering in the

1990s." "I really didn't expect to win," Henry Thompson, Director of the Adult School said. "We came up against some stiff competition from other schools, colleges, trade and technical schools, hospitals, recreation departments and the like." Twenty winners emerged from more than 200 entries in such categories as finances, leadership and management and marketing.

"More than 500 participants attended the conference," Thompson said, "from all over the country." Professionals from forty states and five countries attended. Plainfield Adult School of Continuing Education's 1993 Fall Bulletin won for most successful promotion techniques, conducting high response surveys and best brochure ideas for 1994.

In his application for the award nomination, Thompson explained

how the bulletins helped to increase enrollment by more than 3 percent, increasing revenues, participant's response and increased media response.

This is the second time this year that the Plainfield Adult School has won an award for its bulletin. The school won "Best Brochure in New Jersey" from the New Jersey Adult Learners organization in the spring. The Plainfield Adult School currently has a total enrollment of 1,190 students.



Henry Thomas, director of Plainfield Adult School displays the award.



## Ollie Jones of Plainfield named Union County employee of the month

ELIZABETH—Ollie Jones of Plainfield, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, Department of Public Safety, for Union County has been chosen as "Employee of the Month" of December. Union County Freeholder Chairman Linda-Lee Kelly and Union County Manager Ann Baran presented a resolution and certificate of appreciation to "As director of consumer affairs, her division saves consumers in our county approximately \$250,000 annually, and she makes a special effort to alert our senior citizens to potential consumer fraud," said Baran. "This fall she recovered \$4,000 for one senior citizen who was defrauded by a building contractor." Freeholder Chairman Kelly said that Jones was nominated for "her consistently outstanding job performance. She regularly does more than her job responsibilities call for, often speaking to groups of citizens throughout the county, mostly after regular business hours. She really deserves this award." Jones also receives a day off with pay for her efforts.

## Men of courage nominated for Image Award

GLENDAL, CA—The Nestle USA program Men of Courage, has been nominated by the NAACP to receive an Image Award in January 1994. The program is distributed free as a community service by the company and has reached more than 2 million young people in schools and community groups across the country.

The program elements consists of a book profiling 34 successful black men, a video focusing on eight of the men and a teaching curriculum that includes materials for use in the classroom. In addition to providing the materials free of charge to schools that request them, Nestle has made more than 100 school presentations to young people across the country.

At each presentation, several of the men profiled share their stories with students, bringing their message of goal-

setting and hard work to life. According to Kenneth Bentley, director, Community Affairs, Nestle USA, and author of the book *Men of Courage*, "The greatest reward of Men of Courage is the hope it inspires in youngsters that they can achieve their dreams. Being recognized by the NAACP just confirms for us that the program we have developed is worthy of the attention of the children to which it is presented. We are honored by this nomination."

Men of Courage was developed to provide a positive view of black men for young people. The men profiled in Men of Courage each has a story that includes the hardships and struggles that face many African-Americans today. Their message of determination serves first and foremost to combat the notion that racism causes can keep you from success.

"Bentley stated, 'young people need to know that it's not where you start that's important, it's how you finish that counts. It's important for young people to understand that the only thing that can keep you from succeeding is yourself. Nestle is proud to be able to bring you this message through the stories of so many successful men.'

Nestle USA has an extensive publications program, as part of its Community Affairs effort. In addition to *Men of Courage*, the company will publish *Women of Courage* in 1994, focusing on African-American women and Rising Voices: Profiles in Leadership that highlights the accomplishments of Hispanics. All of Nestle USA's publications are available free to schools and community groups who request them.

Being Black in America: A Real Picture

## Pick up a phone and answer a prayer.

January 8th is a very important day for you to pick up a phone. That's the day of the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon" benefiting the United Negro College Fund.

On that day, the UNCF goes to the airwaves asking for your help. Your pledge can answer the prayers of young people who want a college education.

It's a chance to show your concern. It's an opportunity to help them have a better life. You can also show your concern by picking up the phone right now. Offer to help answer the telephones at this year's telethon. Call your local UNCF office to find out how.

The reality of being Black in America includes all of us. It is up to all of us to answer the call for a better-educated world.

And answering a prayer is as easy as picking up a phone.

Support the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon" benefiting the United Negro College Fund January 8th on your local television channel. Date may vary in some markets. Check your local listing for exact time and date.



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## Union County honors ATTF

ELIZABETH—Union County recently honored the Essex-Union Auto Theft Task Force (A.T.T.F.) and all law enforcement officers assigned to the team. According to Freeholder Mario Paparozzi, "The A.T.T.F., a joint effort of Union and Essex counties, has caused auto theft to decline 21 percent last year and 17 percent so far this year; we are proud of their dedication, devotion and hard work in a dangerous occupation."

## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

NEWARK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents Panorama Concerts for Families: "Exploring the World of Music" at 1:30 p.m. in Newark Symphony Hall. For more info, call 1-800-ALLIED.

NEWARK—At the Newark Museum "Young Playwrights Theatre" in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

NEWARK—Winter Family Festival at the Newark Museum includes hands-on art workshops, stage shows, music exhibitions and planetarium shows. For more

information call 201-596-6550.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

MONTECLAIR—Montclair Art Museum presents The Harlem Spiritual Ensemble. The performance keeps alive the traditions of the Negro spiritual. For more information call 201-746-5555.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

MANHATTAN—The Children's Museum of the Arts presents a mural making workshop every hour between noon and 3 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-9196.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Public Li-

brary will present the movie "All the King's Men" at the Mildred H. Hunt Auditorium at the Five Corners Branch Library at 1 p.m. For more info, call 201-547-4546.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

NEWARK—The Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods is sponsoring the 1994 Malcolm X Commemoration at the Newark Public Library at 6:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-505-1051.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

MORRISTOWN—Winter activities at Forestfield Living Historical Farms include ice-cutting on farm pond, or maple sugaring, depending on the weather. Kitchen demonstrations in the willows.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

PLAINFIELD—The Black Women's History Conference presents a post Kwanza Celebration at the Masonic Temple from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info, 201-923-2505.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 10

MANHATTAN—The New York Institute of Technology presents Master Class: Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain. Five days of lectures and studio exercises from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call 718-817-6747.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Public Library presents the movie "JFK" featuring Kevin Costner and Sissy Spook at 1 p.m. For more info, 201-547-4546.

PLAINFIELD—An Income tax workshop will be held at Plainfield High School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### SUNDAY JANUARY 16

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert. 3 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

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## National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

**Legalize drugs? Surgeon General sparks controversy, poll:** The nation's first Surgeon General, Jocelyn Elders, created a national tour this month when she suggested that the federal government study the idea of legalizing drugs. Elders responded to a reporter's question saying, "I do feel that we would markedly reduce our crime rate if drugs were legalized." Her comments prompted almost instant criticism from both black and white political figures. President Clinton labeled himself "firmly against" legalizing drugs and Congressional Black Caucus member Charles Rangel of New York, said he was "shocked." But Elders drew support from black Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke who has long advocated treating drug use as a medical problem and not a crime. Meanwhile, the Washington, D.C.-based National Black News Survey is conducting a national survey on the idea. To give your comments on whether or not drugs such as marijuana and cocaine should be legalized, call 202-895-5246 or write, NBNS, 1221 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 522, Washington, D.C. 20005.—WASHINGTON, DC

**Large number of black males do not want to marry:** According to a recently released study by the Journal of Marriage and the Family, an unusually large 23 percent of black males aged 19 to 25 plan never to get married. This compares to 13 percent of white males and only seven percent of Hispanic males in the same age group who plan never to marry. The report found 13 percent of black females (19 to 25) also do not plan to marry. Experts say reluctance to marry undermines family structure and harms children raised in homes without fathers. The report did not make it clear why such a large percentage of young black males planned never to marry.—WASHINGTON, DC

**Jesse Jackson accuses Clinton of showing him no respect:** National black political leader Jesse Jackson says President Clinton is treating him disrespectfully. Jackson and Clinton were at odds during the 1992 election campaign, but the two had reportedly smoothed over their differences. However, Jackson told *Time* magazine, "He [Clinton] spent his campaign distancing himself from me. Now that he's president, he's trying to distance me." Jackson accused Clinton of trying to "prop up other black leaders." But he charged the alleged strategy "was not working."—NEW YORK, NY

**Mississippi rallies around fired black principal:** Blacks and whites throughout Mississippi rallied to the support of a fired black principal who allowed students to recite prayers over the high school intercom system. Bishop Knox says he is not surprised by the level of support. He explained, "It is not a black or white issue. It is a matter of religious freedom." Knox was dismissed in late November after school offi-

cials warned him to discontinue the prayers which they said were a violation of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling banning organized prayers in public schools. A rally in Knox's support drew several thousand people, including Governor Kirk Fordice. Knox is currently fighting his dismissal in court.—JACKSON, MS

**Rural community harasses white girls for acting black:** Since mid-November, at least five white girls have withdrawn from a nearly all-white rural Indiana school. The girls charged they were jeered and spat on for "dressing and acting black." The girls were dressing in the so-called hip hop style which includes wearing baggy pants and braids. One of the only two black students at the 850-student North Newton Junior-Senior High School has also withdrawn citing racial slurs and fights with white students. Police are currently investigating to see if any laws have been violated in the Morocco, Indiana school.—MOROCO, IN

**Black Denver mayor draws fire for gang list:** The black mayor of Denver is being accused of racism against minorities after he defended a police listing of 6,567 alleged gang members. Mayor Wellington Webb said the list was designed to help police combat gangs and drugs. But since 93 percent of the names on the list were of either black or Hispanic young men, critics charge that the city's "war on drugs" has become little more than "a war on minorities." Blacks and Hispanics account for 36 percent of Denver's population. Webb remains popular among the city's whites but his commitment to bettering conditions for minorities is being questioned by liberal groups and some African-American leaders. Denver NAACP head Rev. Oscar Tillman said of the gang list, which includes nearly two out of every three young black males in the city, "This is harassment. It's not a crack-down on gangs; it's a crack-down on blacks."—DENVER, CO

**South African whites prepare for war:** Published reports suggest a rapidly growing number of right-wing whites in South Africa are attending military training camps in anticipation of what they believe will be a race war against the country's black majority. Next April blacks will be allowed to vote for the first time in the country's history. They are widely expected to elect African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela as the country's first black president. That prospect has the whites living in fear. Mandela spent 27 years in prison for his struggle against white minority rule. Despite overtures for racial reconciliation, the whites fear Mandela and his supporters will exact revenge. The leader of the main right-wing white group is openly racist. Neil Fourie recently said, "The black is a very slow thinker."—SOUTH AFRICA

## Welfare reform across America

By William Reed

The Clinton administration hopes its pending welfare reform program will encourage the country's poor to (seek full-time employment rather than remain on welfare). Before the end of 1993, an administration task force is expected to hand President Bill Clinton recommendations on how he can move to overhaul a woeful welfare system. A key part expected in the proposal will be the recommendation to limit most welfare payments to two years and require recipients to seek work.

Even before Clinton gets his recommendations for reform of welfare, the state of Wisconsin will have adopted a "Work Not Welfare" program that will provide the framework of what the White House might do.

The Wisconsin plan, which formally starts in 1995, calls for counties in the state to require welfare recipients to work for their benefits for two years, at which point cash benefits would end. Under the plan, after up to 12 months of job training, welfare recipients would be required to work for their benefits, if necessary in unpaid community service jobs or special "independence jobs" created for the program. At the end of the second year, cash benefits would end, although

"transitional benefits," such as child care would continue for another year.

The legislation reflects the nearly unanimous American view that the existing welfare system is a mess, and the clamoring of most taxpayers, who say that welfare benefits should be tied more closely to work. Public opinion polls in Wisconsin show a more than 80 percent approval rating for the "Work Not Welfare" idea.

President Clinton's promise to "end welfare as we know it" was key in his 1992 campaign. Now that he is in office and is responding to public outcries, Clinton has a "dead-eye head" on welfare. He also has promised a two-year limit on welfare benefits followed by a work program for those who cannot get jobs in the private sector, but translating that pledge into national legislation has proven to be a daunting task.

The Wisconsin program is not all about driving people into the streets and homelessness. It has waiver provisions to be tested beyond the two-year limit when no appropriate private sector jobs are available in the local labor market. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said, "We're looking at a range of ways in which states can provide work opportunities," including subsidies to businesses for providing jobs to recipients.

Sixty percent of all black families are headed by single parents. The majority of these are women and millions of these black women are receiving monthly checks from the Aid to Families with

Dependent Children (AFDC). While blacks are by no means the only group of welfare recipients, two thirds of all welfare recipients are white, we still have to be vigilant and gauge the impact such a national plan will have on us. Any system to aid the poor must take into account certain fundamentals, among them, that some people need help in a hurry; that children need protection; and that a welfare population extending from inner-city

ghettos to isolated rural hillside, is one of incredible diversity.

Clinton and the states' governors will have to do what they have to do. The shape of the treasury and citizens' attitudes toward welfare are changing, and neither of these allow maintenance of the status quo. What does the future hold for people on welfare? One thing they'll better do is prepare for only a limited time on the public dole. And that's fair, isn't it?

## Renewal

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parents or great-grandparents—and then to the parents. The elders then give the children money.

Traditionally, everyone gets a year older on New Year's Day, though most Korean-Americans celebrate individual birthdays. In fact, though this New Year's ritual is still practiced in Korea, most Korean-American households do not observe the day so formally. Instead, Korean cultural centers in cities with sizable Korean populations organize bonding ceremonies to preserve the tradition in the local Korean-American community.

Native Americans: The Celebration of the Morningstar. Native Americans recognize the importance of ancestral traditions and honor them many times throughout the year. Since the Native calendar is also a 13-month lunar calendar, some tribes celebrate at the end of

the 13th month, in late January or early February. Now, however, many tribes bring in the New Year on January 1.

In traditional times, the Plains tribes celebrated Spring, after the first thunder, as recognition of the new year and a time when mother nature displays her beauty and all of nature comes to life. Some Plains tribes still hold Spring Wicpisi (pow wows) and offer tobacco to thank the great spirit for the coming year. While different tribes have different customs for this time of year, many Native communities celebrate in the same way, says Sharon Asetoyer, who is Comanche and lives on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

The celebration often begins with a pow wow, during which families and dancers in magnificent cer-

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## Consumer video on free loan

**NEWARK**—The video "A Consumer Quiz for New Jersey High Schools" presented by the New Jersey Consortium for Consumer Education, is available on free loan from all county and municipal Consumer Affairs offices.

The video, which can also be useful for younger and adult audiences with appropriate introductory comments, covers seven consumer topics including consumer rights, credit cards, buying a car, the lemon law, automobile insurance, green marketing and anabolic steroids. These topics were selected by polling more than 300 New Jersey students from rural, urban and suburban communities.

The quiz-show format of the video highlights the many issues that arise when discussing consumer issues. Educators who show this video in their classes should use it as a starting point from which they can conduct their own classroom market-research surveys and find out what consumer issues are most important to their students.

For information on additional consumer education resources and or to borrow a copy of "A Consumer Quiz for New Jersey High Schools" call 201-504-6327, or write your municipal or county consumer affairs office.

# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### New Year new changes

In this year of new change it is important to reflect and learn from the past and look forward to the future. As Americans scream for change we must realize that change is not a mystical force, it is a process that takes time, perseverance, and pain. We must take an introspective look into our motivations for the present and future. We must not wait for a new year dawns and work toward accomplishing those goals.

We can be sure that 1994 is bound to bring more triumphs and tribulations. It is important to re-establish those old friendships. In our society where we have guns, drugs, violence, and a host of other problems, we must escape the grasp of hopelessness. We must look past the brick walls of the projects, the length of the unemployment lines, and the fear of dying AIDS patients, to the dawn of a new year. We must feel hopeful that the future holds solutions to our present problems. In doing so we must utilize America's most important resource—its people—to create the "promise land" we longed for in the 60's.

The staff at City News wishes you and yours happy holidays and a great new year. We thank you for allowing us to be your newspaper and look forward to serving you in this upcoming year!

## CPAs are target of unfair lawsuits

Dear editor,

New Jersey's civil justice system needs to be reformed to diminish the growing number of abusive lawsuits that clog our court system, drive up prices, and stymie economic growth. Growing number of business owners, professionals, taxpayers and consumers are fed up with lawsuit abuse and are speaking out for change.

There are over 16,000 certified public accountants (CPAs) in New Jersey and we are in a unique position to see the wide range of victims and damage caused by abusive lawsuits. CPAs in public accounting serve hundreds of thousands of businesses and individuals. Thousands of other CPAs are employed directly by large and small companies. Through this extensive interaction, we see firsthand how the system is abused and the harm it causes.

Abusive litigation hits everyone. Consumers pay a "hidden tax" for the escalating cost of liability insurance through higher prices for products and services. Businesses waste money and time defending themselves against baseless lawsuits. Millions of dollars that could be spent on job creation, worker training, technical innovation and other activities creating economic growth are diverted instead to responding to baseless suits.

Increasingly, CPAs themselves are the targets of meritless litigation. Typically, CPA firms face suits threatening huge damages when companies go bankrupt or when stock prices suddenly drop or rise sharply. As the auditors for these companies, and generally the only solvent party left, a firm can be forced to pay for damages it didn't even cause. These firms often agree to settle even when they are confident they can win their case in court. It is simply too costly and time consuming to fight baseless lawsuits in our currently structured legal system.

The New Jersey Society of CPAs, representing the interests of the public and business community, is working with lawmakers to improve our civil justice system. We must reform a legal system that has run amuck. A more fair and reasonable system is in the interest of all New Jerseyans.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Carey, CPA,

President New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants

### Drums in the global village

## Save the Les Brown show!

by Todd Burroughs

By the time you read this, "The Les Brown Show" may be dead. But in the black community, can keep it alive if we care enough about the positive way Brown has presented black people on his nationally syndicated television talk show.

The Les Brown Show, which began in September, has been put on an unscheduled hiatus by its syndicator, King World (the same distributor of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," the groundbreaking program that opened up the genre to almost everybody with a personality and a microphone). A national wire service recently reported that King World (KW) "won't make a decision about canceling the low-rated talk show until it has an opportunity to examine demographic results from the November sweeps."

"Despite widespread rumors that KW has given stations until December 15 to decide if they want to replace Les Brown with a new talker hosted by Rolonda Watts—possibly as early as January—the spokesperson said the Watts project remains on track for fall 1994 premiere. You may ask why the black community should care about another television talk show. My answer would be that the Les Brown show is not just another television program and that Brown is not just another television show host.



by Connie Woodruff

I don't know about you, but for me 1993 will always be a memorable year, politically speaking. It was a year that clearly emphasized a new political awareness among African-Americans, from Cape May to Bergen County. It was a year that challenged the nature of politics as we've known it for many years.

The theory of coalitions was tested in Essex county, when East Orange Mayor, Carlisle Caputo and Essex County State Senator Richard Cody, joined forces to defy the dictates of their county chairman Tom D'Alessio to win a hard fought primary election, to retain their respective offices successfully defended in the November election.

The victories of the mayor and the senator do not necessarily mean an end to Democratic bossism in Essex, but it sure put a dent in the armor of political protectionism and established a new brand of leadership represented by Tom Giblin, a labor leader with a new point of view.

A precedent was also set by voters in East Orange that sent shock waves through the state. To their credit, voters proved they would no longer play follow-the-leader, but would vote in their own interest based on the records of the candidates they preferred.

It was a bitter lesson for Cooper's challenger, former councilman Ralph Harris, a nice man who should not give up on politics despite a devastating defeat. He was simply backed by the wrong power broker at the wrong time.

But it was a good thing for the people of East Orange, who said loud and clear they want to be in charge of their own destiny now and in the future. It worked for this city and could probably work in other New Jersey cities if the voters have the courage to challenge the status quo.

Christine Todd Whitman certainly

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Students, parents and other concerned citizens representing a broad cross section of the Plainfield community came out to the December 21st Plainfield Board of

Unlike other hosts who spent their lives on television as detached members of society, Brown, now a millionaire motivational speaker, was a well-known black community activist and radio personality in Cleveland, Ohio, in the 1960s. He was so strong an activist on the radio in those states, that he got kicked off the air more than once.

When U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, then a local state's attorney in Florida, investigated a youth program run by Brown, he mounted a counter-protest. "Public support forced Reno to drop the investigation," Brown wrote in his book *Live Your Dreams*.

The only thing they found wrong with my program was "sloppy bookkeeping." Otherwise, I was exonerated, but only after living under a cloud of allegations for a year," he wrote. "In the end, they did uncover this startling revelation: I had actually spent \$13,000 of my own money to subsidize the program." Brown, raised in poverty in Florida, still maintains an active involvement with troubled youth.

The Les Brown show blacks are seen as people who have solutions, not as those who just have problems. When Brown aired a November show on problems with urban black males, his show spent the entire hour focusing on a black program that worked. Do you think Geraldo would have done that?

Brown deserves our support. And for those who think protests to save shows don't work, remember that *Where I Live*, the ABC-TV sitcom, is back on the air now only because the black community protested.

Send a two-sentence letter or postcard supporting the Les Brown Show to: Michael King, president and chief executive officer, King World, 12400 Wilshire Building, West Los Angeles, CA 90025. Make a copy of the letter and send it to Roger King, chairman of the Board, King World, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

had that kind of moxie; that's why she will be sworn in as New Jersey's first ever woman governor on January 18th. Our expectations for the new governor are high, but the positives because we know there will be times when political correctness will be the most prudent direction to follow. We have always given our governors the benefit of doubt in decision-making and should extend governor-elect Whitman the same freedom of choice.

For years this columnist has been touting women as the greatest untapped resource for creativity and change in governmental policy in New Jersey.

Early indications are that Ms. Whitman shares this belief. Three of her first Cabinet nominees are females with impressive credentials for handling their assignments.

There is a special pride in the African-American community, that Montclair attorney Lorna Hooks has been nominated for the post of Secretary of State. At 35, Hooks has already garnered impressive credentials as a corporate lawyer, a private practitioner and government official. The bonding between Whitman and Hooks occurred when the governor-elect headed the state Public Utilities Authority and the Secretary of State designate was her chief of staff.

In making the announcement of the nomination, Ms. Whitman said, "under Hooks the duties of Secretary will be expanded, she will be speaking for the Governor." It's the first time I have ever heard a governor speak out so forcefully for an African-American appointee, and will give this office the clout it has never had in the past.

Every new administration has a right to choose its own team members. That's what Transition Committees are all about. However, Re-

publicans have more difficulty appointing minorities because our numbers in the GOP are small. Therefore administrative skills and meritorious service of appointed Democrats must prevail for African-Americans.

Dr. Kwaku Armah deserves to return to his position in the Department of Higher Education. He is most closely associated with the Education Opportunity Fund, now in its 25th year of operation. Over 30,000 graduates in the public and private institutions of higher learning in the state have come through the EOF program.

As a result of Kwaku's ingenuity and superb administrative abilities and personal involvement, the New Jersey EOF stands head and shoulders above the program operating in many other states.

Hopefully Governor Whitman will not consider replacing either Dr. Armah or Glenn Lang, another stalwart advocate for minorities in the Department of Higher Education.

Lana Simms in the office of the Treasury, is the first person of color to head the Division of Purchasing, a demanding job where the director must be particularly sensitive to contractual agreements and vendors doing business with the state. Simms is a woman with integrity and skills needed in this office.

Except during the years Mary Singletary of Montclair was head of the Division on Women, directors appointed by the governor, have had difficulty in making the office relevant to African-American women. Since her appointment as deputy director of the DOJ last year, Michelle Tuck, a Princeton council woman and attorney with vast experience in business, has worked hard to close the ethnic gap between the state's female population. She should certainly be considered either for the post of director or continued in her present position.

As my friend, former WNJR radio commentator Bernice Bass would sign off with a quote from Langston Hughes, "Silence is not always golden... sometimes it's just plain yellow." Happy New Year and God love us all... somebody should.

The Office of Minority Health in the Department of Health cries out for the need to be continued under the direction of Rosalind Thigpen-Rodd, a health professional second to none and one well versed in the need for innovative health programs to address this pressing community need for the state's inner-city residents.

The record of New Jersey Transit and its concern and efforts to interact with urban cities throughout the state, is a testament to the administrative ability that Shirley DeLibro, the executive director has brought to this important position. Not only will Ms. DeLibro continue to be an asset to the Transit Authority, but so will Z. Wayne Johnson, its vice president for the office of MBEs and Affirmative Action. Because of Johnson's ability to get things done through the power of persuasion and his alertness in working Transit needs and matters with African-Americans, do considerably more than drive buses in the system.

And other African-Americans serving state government without benefit of civil service protection, and they deserve to be kept on the job. They will be listed and recommended in subsequent columns.

This is an opportunity to thank the readers of City News and this column for your support and insightful comments about "As I See It" throughout the year. It has not always been easy to tell it like it is, because from time to time a friend or two gets caught in the squeeze between fact and fiction. But it's been a pleasure sharing what I see or hear. It is not always golden... sometimes it's just plain yellow." Happy New Year and God love us all... somebody should.

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## Plainfield residents react to racism

Education meeting to voice their outrage and disgust at the racist literature distributed in their schools; and the teacher who openly passed the buck out to a principal's advisory committee meeting to white faculty members only. The sentiment of the majority of people who filled the Barlow School auditorium was overwhelmingly clear: the teacher should be fired and not allowed to spread his hatred and venom against our young people, whom he is supposed to be "teaching."

While the people were committed to supporting the Plainfield Board of Education, if they took firm and principled action, the statements made at the beginning of the meeting, first by board president Debbie Myers and then, by board member Peggy Wild, outraged the public and set off an angry protest by those in attendance.

Ms. Myers stated that the board would not tolerate any acts of racism, bias, and hatred that the teacher would be returned to the classroom the next day. That announcement didn't sit well with the public and initiated a chorus of disgust and dismay at the lack of resolve by the Plainfield Board of Education's part.

Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ronald Frye also spoke, and informed the public that the teacher would be expected to participate in sensitivity training and that this individual along with other teachers would be worked with to "convince" them to teach our children. Peggy Wilds, the chairperson of the board's personnel committee told the audience that the teacher's professional improvement plan would be monitored very closely.

When the meeting was opened up to the public to speak, parents, students and other concerned citizens spoke out against the board's announced plan of action and demanded that the board review and rethink their weak response to this attack against our young people by this so-called "educator." Speakers included representatives from the NNCP, the Nation of Islam, former Board of Education members, various members from different PTA's and PTO's etc.

Some of the most impressive and impassioned speakers were the young people who came out to speak against the actions of the teacher, in connection with the current incident and what many cited as other alleged past actions by this individual that negatively impacted and demeaned our students.

The student representative to the Plainfield Board of Education, Ms. Felicia Moring, spoke against the board's decision. She asked the board to think about how the students feel who have to sit in this teacher's class who ridicules them every day. Her message to the board was that "we no longer need him." Former Plainfield High School graduate and recently announced Rhodes scholar, Nina Warfield who was in attendance and who had earlier in the meeting been recognized by the board for his award and recent achievements, was so troubled and disturbed by the board's decision that he publicly voiced his disappointment. He implored the board to "weed out the vermin" and those individuals who "foster the belief that African-American children can't learn."

Other young people spoke out and emphatically informed the board that they didn't want this teacher back in their school and felt that students wouldn't want to attend his classes knowing that he disrespects them and participates in insulting and degrading activities at their expense.

Due to the overwhelming response from the public, board members decided to go into an emergency meeting to review their previously announced decision. When they came back, they informed the members of the public that they had heard their demands and that they would meet again on December 30th to carefully review this case and options available to them to address the public demands and adhere to the laws and due process rights of the individual teacher.

The community must remain vigilant and firm in their resolve as this issue continues to be discussed and debated. This incident and how it is dealt with will have a tremendous impact not only in the Plainfield school system, but, in school systems all across this state. More importantly, our young people, who had the courage to stand up, are looking to see if the adults in the community have the strength and courage to protect them from these racist attacks and those individuals and people who would try to support these type of demeaning actions.

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NEW YORK, N.Y.—At the Children's Museum of the Arts, 72-78 Spring Street, Winter Landscapes. For more info, call 212-941-9198.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

TRENTON—The Friends of the State Museum will present a craft program for children, "Holiday Magic: The Incredible Merlin Show" at 2 p.m. in the Museum Auditorium. For more info, call 609-292-6644.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library presents a craft program "Amazing Mazes" 11 a.m. "Sings '99 m.m." and "Kwanza Program" from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

CONY ISLAND—The Ice Bear Club hosts their annual swim in the icy Atlantic Ocean at Cony Island Beach. For more info, call 718-259-1919.

ENGLEWOOD—Conductor Zdenek Macal ushers in the new year with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and pianist Jeffrey Siegel at the John Harms Center at 7 p.m. For more info, call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

ISLJUN—It's Toy Train Show will be held at the Sheraton Hotel at Woodbridge Place and Towers (Rte. One) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, call 465-8696.

ENGLEWOOD—Conductor Zdenek Macal ushers in the new year with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and pianist Jeffrey Siegel at the John Harms Center at 3 p.m. For more info, call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

TRENTON—Soil Conservation Agency Sponsors 1994 Conservation Essay and Poster Contest "Living and Working in Harmony with Nature" is the theme. Open to students grade 4-12. First place

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## Newark fighting back to sponsor youth forum

NEWARK—On Tuesday, January 4, 1994 at 5:30 p.m., Newark Fighting Back will sponsor a Youth Forum to be held at the Israel Memorial A.M.E. Church, 54 Lincoln Street, Newark. The purpose of the Youth Forum is to have youth, ages 19 and under, from Newark Fighting Back's target area, Newark's Central and North Wards, address community leaders concerning the barriers to inner-city youth reaching their full potential and how they believe these barriers can be removed. A second step topic will focus on ways to make neighborhoods safer.

Newark Fighting Back is an initiative to reduce the demand for illicit drugs and alcohol, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and other voluntary contributions. Members of the Newark Fight

Back Board of Trustees include Congressman Donald Payne, Newark Councilman George Branch and Anthony Carino, Dr. Stanley Bergen and Essex County Prosecutor Clifford J. Mizer.

According to the Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart, Chair of the Newark Fighting Back Public Safety, Public Service, Infrastructure and Empowerment Partnership Committee, "the Youth Forum will be an opportunity for youth voices to be heard by community decision makers." The form will also mark an important milestone in Newark Fighting Back's efforts to ensure youth participation and involvement to enhance the quality of life in Newark. Key civic leaders including those from the law enforcement community are expected to attend. Individuals in speaking at this forum should call Newark Fighting Back at (201) 242-8200.

## WPC students to visit Africa

WAYNE—Eleven William Paterson College communication students will get a first-hand experience of what it's like to work as broadcast journalists in a foreign country when they travel to the African nation of The Gambia January 3 to 15.

John Rhodes, a WPC assistant professor of communication and a freelance producer for Cable News Network (CNN) will lead the trip as part of the course *International TV News Reporting in The Gambia*, which is offered in conjunction with the college's Center for Continuing Education. While in the African country, the students will assemble news stories for editing upon their return to the college.

Rhodes, who has extensive experience covering international news stories in the Philippines, India, Africa and the Middle East, says the trip will offer the students a cross-cultural experience. "The Gambia is gearing up to be the Singapore of Africa. As one of the only functioning democracies of Africa it is quite free and politically very stable," says Rhodes, who vis-

ited the country last summer. "Yet there is still a clash between the modern ways and the tribal ways." A small country surrounded on three sides by Senegal, The Gambia is also famous as the birthplace of Kunta Kinte, the central character in Alex Haley's blockbuster novel, "Roots."

Prior to leaving, the students will participate in two seminars, during which they will prepare for the trip by planning stories they will cover and practicing with video equipment needed in the field. Once in The Gambia, they will rotate positions as reporters, producers and camera operators.

Participating in the trip will be Lisa Crawford of Englewood, Tracy DeMarzo of Clifton, Allison Keim of Annandale, Jennifer King of Prospect Park, Patti Lewis of Hawthorne, Shae Lewis of Teaneck, Claire Lisa of Ringwood, Pilar Lopez of Lodi, Elaine Goodell and Kristine Grosholz-Novakowski of Wayne, Hillary Andrea of Upper Saddle River, Marianne O'Donnell of New Brunswick and Richard Russo of Ridgefield.

## Do Something Leadership Course

Sponsor: Newark Do Something, 35 James Street, Newark, NJ 07102. Board members: Lawrence Bridgeforth, Joaquin daSilva, Colines Figueroa, Hoover Herrera, John Hill, Dereck Lane, Tamika Smith and Naitha Williams. Bill Hoogierp, Administrator.

**Purpose:** To help build Newark by creating additional opportunities for Newark Leaders, learn management theories and practice actual leadership skills. It is intended for those who are serious about building Newark into a better place for all, who want to build their own leadership skills and who know how to have fun and laugh too. The course is non-accredited.

**Age group:** Any Newark area youth or youth leader (Age 15-29) can apply to be in the course. Final decisions will be made by the board. The main criteria for selection are commitment to Newark and the desire to build leadership skills. We especially invite youth staff from non-profit organizations, business, religious youth groups, and education (young teachers) to apply. Newark Do Something Fund board members and grantees are automatically enrolled.

**Courses:** 45 Tuesday evenings. (Jan. 11, 1994 - Dec. 13, 1994) There are 3 levels that the course goes through.

**Time:** Every Tuesday it is from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The evening starts with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and group meeting/announcements exactly at 6:00. The training itself starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** Undecided but somewhere in Newark.

**Instructors:** Each week will be a different topic (see curriculum other side) often with a guest instructor with expertise from the area.

**Style:** Highly interactive small group sessions with occasional speaker.

**To graduate:** Those who attend at least 11 of the 15 sessions graduate from that level and receive a framed certificate at the 15th session. Final graduation at the end of level 3 is December 13, 1994.

**Cost:** Registration, materials and books are free for those accepted into the course. (Normally this would cost \$200 for each level but it is paid by Newark Do Something.) However, each course member has to bring a group dinner (cost about \$60) three nights during the year.

**Deadline:** to apply: January 4, 1994

## Girl Scout Council offers first aid training

WESTFIELD—Washington Rock Girl Scout Council announces a new cooperative venture with Union Hospital, a combination First Aid and Adult/Pediatric CPR course, to be offered in two four-hour classes in February and March.

The first session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9 and Friday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. People interested in taking this course in March can attend Tuesday, March 8 and Thursday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The fee for the course is \$40 for Washington Rock Girl Scout Council members and \$50 for non-members.

This course is designed to cover heart-saving instruction on

both adults and children including proper responding to airway obstruction (choking) on both conscious and unconscious patients and responding to cardiac arrests in infant, child and adult accident victims. This training is taught in accordance with the American Heart Association's program requirements.

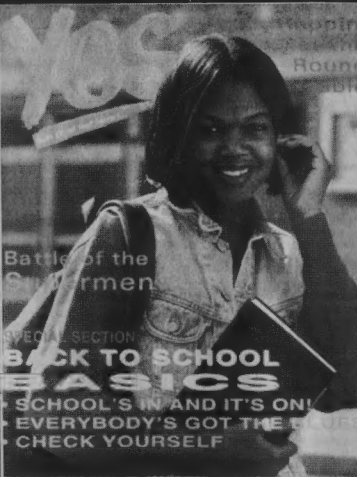
The First Aid portion of the course is designed for those individuals needing only a basic knowledge of first aid instruction. The program includes a lecture, books, demonstrations, skill practice, a quiz and a card for successful completion. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call Rhonda, of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, at 908-232-3236.



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## Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

**SOMERSET**—The First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens will hold a New Year's Eve celebration. Doors open at 9 p.m. For further information call 908-628-2009.

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Mayor Cooper unveils new sign for environmental center as Senator Codey and Mudiwa Kumanyika look on.

## MELD for young Moms seeks parent facilitators

**PLAINFIELD**—MELD for Young Moms, a school based youth services program, offers new parents a chance to share parenting experiences and learn more about their babies and themselves as parents.

If you are a parent, why not become a volunteer group facilitator? Prior group experience is not required. Training is available by the staff. For more information, call (908) 753-3192.

## Extended FSC program provides for seven weeks of eligibility

**TRENTON**—Eligible unemployed workers will be able to collect a maximum of seven weeks of benefits under the extension of the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program (FSC) signed by President Clinton on November 24.

The number of benefit weeks payable under the previous FSC program, which ended on October 3 was ten. The new legislation is retroactive to October 3, 1993. It extends the FSC program to February 5, 1994 for the filing of new claims and to April 30, 1994 for the payment of benefits.

The Labor Department will mail information and application forms to claimants who exhausted their regular benefits between October 3 and November 20 and who are potentially eligible for retroactive extended benefits. These individuals will be able to file for benefits by mail.

Individuals who exhaust their regular benefits after November 20 should report in person to their local unemployment office to file an extended claim. Noticeable to report will be sent to these individuals when they receive their last check for regular benefits.

In addition to extending the program, the new legislation made changes affecting the amount of FSC entitlement and eliminated the option to postpone the filing of a new claim in favor of an extended claim.

The new maximum eligibility does not affect claims filed prior to October 3 in which the number of weeks of maximum eligibility was higher. Individuals who previously exhausted their FSC benefits are not eligible for additional benefits.

FSC, which began on November 17, 1991, is available to eligible unemployed workers who exhausted their jobless benefits under the state's regular 26-week program. Information on the extended FSC program can be obtained by calling the Labor Department's information hot line at 1-800-235-8924 24-hours a day.

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There is a limited number of spaces in the first house. All who are interested in being considered as a candidate for this village, as well as those who would like to be considered for residents in upcoming villages should make every effort to attend.

For additional information and meeting location, call:  
(908) 985-3176 or  
(212) 622-1043.

## Mayor Cooper officially renames city's environmental center

**EAST ORANGE**—East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper recently dedicated the East Orange Clean and Green Center to Makaza Kumanyika, the former director of the Center. The center was renamed the Makaza Kumanyika Clean and Green Center and a tree was planted in his honor at the site.

According to Mayor Cooper, Kumanyika, an environmentalist and community activist was an "important element" in the center. "Makaza was extremely dedicated to the center and working with block associations to beautify neighborhoods throughout our city. He was also instrumental in encouraging East Orange school children to take pride in the city through caring for their neighborhoods and schools."

Under Kumanyika's leadership, the Clean and Green Center excelled in programming including holding environmental workshops, flower and gardening give-a-ways, Good Neighbor Awards Program and the Clean and Green Youth Team.

The workshops organized by Kumanyika included Lawn and Flower Preparation, Heat Efficiency in the Winter, Starting a Successful Vegetable Garden, Installing Your Own boiler or Thermostat, Fall Clean Up Day and Festival and Recycling Work-

shops." In addition, he played a major role in identifying East Orange residents to receive "Good Neighbor Awards" for maintaining an outstanding exterior of their homes. Local school children also received special awards for a poster contest highlighting the importance of caring for the environment and recycling.

He also directed the city's Clean Sweeps Team, a group of high school students, employed by the city, to clean up lots and other properties around the city. The students traveled to Philadelphia two years in a row to compete nationally on ways to keep East Orange clean and green. "The Clean and Green Center and Makaza have definitely made a difference in East Orange," added the Mayor. "Due in part to Makaza's vision, the center has grown and serves an increasing number of residents."

The center is open to the public for borrowing tools and other equipment for sprucing and cleaning up gardens, homes and neighborhoods. Indoor equipment is also available for loan. The center also serves as a clearinghouse for the city's environmental efforts.

## Health Calendar

FRIDAY JANUARY 7

**WESTFIELD**—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, Inc. presents a seminar on "Crisis Intervention: Bringing Light Into the Dark," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$45 in advance and \$50 in advance. For further information call 908-233-5810.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

**BELLE MEAD**—Plan to stop smoking in the New Year? Try Smoking cessation program at Carter Foundation 7-8 p.m., Rt. 601. For more info, call 908-281-1591.

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Here, (l to r) Charles Willingham, Newark YMCA Program Membership Director, John Powers, vice president, and Gregory Towers, Compliance Officer, both of First Fidelity Bank, workout at the Y's Fitness Center. Photo by Glen Friesen

## Families and corporate members enjoy Newark YMWCA

**NEWARK**—The Newark YMWCA membership drive is drawing to a close. The goals of the Drive included informing area businesses, corporations and families of the programs, facilities and advantages of Y membership. YMWCA membership offers both

recreational and learning opportunities to both children and adults. Membership includes use of the indoor pool, free weight center, Nautilus Center and aerobic equipment, fitness testing, personal training sessions,

steam room, sauna for women, whirlpool for men, two gymsnasiums, racquetball courts, a squash court, showers and lock facilities, massage, towel services and special events. For further information, call 624-8900 or stop by the Y at 600 Broad Street.

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**ENGLEWOOD**—The parents of YOUSEP children, a Youth Support and Enhancement Program for adolescents sponsored by Youth Organizations USA (YOUSA), and the Concerned Black Parents of Teaneck New Jersey, are presenting the first in a series of workshops entitled "The Education of the Black Child."

The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 8, 1994, at the YOUSA Center, 19 Humphrey Street in Englewood, New Jersey, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Key-note speaker will be Ms. Aminisha Black, a dynamic and prolific speaker and expert on the Black family. In addition to addressing various issues that affect the Black family, Ms. Black also will address topics related to abuse of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs in the community and their effect on the family.

The Youth Support and Enhancement Program (YOUSEP) is founded on the concept of parents, educators, students, and community working together with a commitment to the betterment of the black child. Together, the two programs seek to educate, enlighten, and empower the black child and parent.

# CITY LIFE

## Whitney Houston receives entertainer of the year Image Award

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The Kwanzaa ceremony will be performed by the members of the Langston Hughes Lecture Series Committee. Entertainment will be provided by Denise Howell Brister, singer and storyteller, and Lasiri, a group of Mande Griots. The program is free to the community. A sign language interpreter is available for the hearing impaired.

For ticket information, contact Terry A. Mitchell, Ticket Coordinator, at NAACP Image Awards Office at 213-26-IMAGE, 8383 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 260, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. The show will be telecast nationally on NBC-TV on Saturday, January 22, 1994 at 11:30 p.m.

## Newark Public Library holds exhibition for award-winning Author Walter Dean Myers

He has been collecting turn-of-the-century photographs of African-American children for many years. The photos, which inspired some of the poems found in *Brown Angels*,

The Newark Public Library is located on Washington Park. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For information call 201-733-7732.



The cover of Author Walter Dean Myers' *Brown Angels*

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on "Wills and Estate Planning" at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square (off Highway Lane) from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more info, call (908) 246-6000.

**ISLIP**—The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants will host an Accounting Career Fair at the Woodbridge Sheraton from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info, call (201) 226-4484.

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by Robert N. Taylor

Studies have shown that a clear majority of Americans feel overburdened with debt. And, the key word in the previous sentence is "overburdened," because debt not only generates financial insecurity, but also emotional insecurity. In other words, if paying off yesterday's obligations leaves too little money to enjoy today's pleasures, you are simply going to feel bad.

However, if you are one of those Americans overburdened with debt, there are several things you can do to enhance your financial security and thus greatly improve your state of mind and better your life.

1. Negotiate lower payment terms: Your immediate goal is to reduce expenditures by at least 10

percent across the board. If you are spending \$400 a month at the grocery store, you must simply discipline yourself to find ways of reducing that to \$360 a month. It can be done. Meanwhile, in those cases where the reduction cannot be totally determined by you, you will have to negotiate with creditors to accept lower payments. Importantly, you are considering bankruptcy and that it would be better for them to get a lower payment than no payment. Note: Any such agreement must be in writing.

2. Secure an additional source of income: Your bottom line problem is that you need more money. You have to

get it through a part-time job or a home-based business, but get it. We stress this point because far too many financial experts would have you believe your primary problem is financial mismanagement. There is some truth to this. Living on a budget is important, we recommend it. But once overburdened with debt, what you need more than anything else is more money.

3. Debt Consolidation Loan: As a Last Resort! People burdened with debt are too frequently lured by hopes of debt consolidation loans. But you must always remember this important financial fact: You cannot borrow your way out of debt! Any loan (which must be repaid with interest) will put you deeper in debt. Yes, you may be able to work out favorable terms, which allow you to pay less each month, but this is only possible because you will be paying for many more months. Do not fall for the temporary relief associated with a loan. Trying to get out of debt by going deeper into debt, is not a wise move in most instances.

4. Don't Panic! Don't do anything rash or illegal. America does

not have debtors prisons. Just pay the most important items first. Prioritize your expenses. Those items at the top are the ones which must be paid no matter what. Keep your house, your car and put food on the table.

5. Consider Bankruptcy As a Last Resort! Bankruptcy eliminates most of your debts. And, since the nation's bankruptcy laws are very liberal, you will be able to keep virtually all your possessions. But, your credit will be ruined for the next 10 years. Thus, only consider bankruptcy when you can figure no other way out.

# Reducing your personal debt burden

## Helpful tips for telephone shopping

**NEWARK**—Shopping for the holiday gifts and telephone may be convenient for people who are busy, elderly or disabled. Consumer Affairs offers some helpful hints for at home shoppers.

• Comparison shop by calling several sources for the product you are considering.

• Ask how long it will take for delivery, and what the shipping charge is per item.

• When ordering, have all necessary information at your fingertips, including catalog product number, size, model, color, shipping address and credit card number with expiration date.

• Keep a record of your purchase, including the order number and the date you placed the order, until you receive the product.

• Be extremely careful about giving out your credit card number or other personal information over the phone, especially if you do not initiate the call.

• If a store does not have a specific refund policy posted, the consumer can assume that unused and undamaged merchandise can be returned within 30 days after purchase for a full refund.

• Make sure you know a store's return and refund policy before you make a purchase.

• If you do not see a return policy posted, bring it to the manager's attention and ask what the policy is.

• If you are buying a present for someone else, keep the receipt and write the refund or return policy on the back.

• If you have a problem returning or exchanging merchandise, first try to resolve the problem with the store. If the problem cannot be resolved, contact the consumer affairs office in the county or municipality where the business is located. If there is no local consumer affairs office, contact the state Division of Consumer Affairs at 201-504-6200.

• Be cautious about buying expensive items like jewelry or electronic equipment from overseas. If needed, return the merchandise, chances are you will not be able to find the vendor again.

• If you have a problem with a telephone order you have placed, and not have been able to get satisfaction by contacting the company, send details to the Consumer Affairs Department, Direct Marketing Association, 6 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017, or call or write your local consumer affairs office or the state Consumer Affairs office at P.O. Box 45025, Newark, NJ 07101, 201-504-6200.

## Consumer Affairs offers advice on refund policies to holiday shoppers

**NEWARK**—One of the busiest days for New Jersey retailers is the day after Christmas, when thousands of shoppers return or exchange presents. It can also be one of the most frustrating days for consumers who discover that some stores have "no refund-no exchange" policies or that refund deadlines have passed.

Consumer Affairs Director Emma Byrne advises holiday shoppers to make sure they know stores' refund policies before making purchases.

"Many consumers are under the false impression that stores must accept returns and exchanges," said Byrne. "But since New Jersey law does not dictate what type of refund policies stores can have,

they can legally have no refund or limited refund policies. However, whatever the policies are, they must be posted where consumers can see them."

The New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act requires retail stores to post their refund policies on signs that are either attached to the items, a fixed to all cash registers or points of sale, situated in locations clearly visible to consumers from all cash registers or posted at all public entrances. The signs must state the refund conditions, including whether proofs of purchase are required, deadlines for receiving refunds and whether the refund will be in cash, credit or store credit.

## Renewal

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and prayers and wait for the most important event of the evening—the appearance of Heyoka—who are powerful medicine men.

"The Heyoka, says Charon, "bless the people of the community and use their powers to mystify and entertain both adults and children." While acknowledging the spiritual importance of the event, the Heyoka also employs tricks and riddles to make children laugh and ensure that the pow wow will be a joyous celebration.

The Native American church, named the church of Peyote after a cactus that grows in many regions of the west, begins the New Year with a meeting and prayer in celebration of the coming of the new day, the first day of the new year. They important," says Charon, "because it is a time when we thank the great spirit for the closing year and acknowledge that as hard as things might have been, they could have been harder. It is a time to give thanks because it is time to close out the old year, and acknowledge our hopes for good health and well-being in the year that is to come."

African-Americans: Blending Traditions Old & New. Though the celebrations are generally far less formal, African-Americans also view New Year's Day as a time to honor family and community. Many African-Americans host an "open house" family and friends into the home throughout the day for conversation and food. Often, a traditional meal "hoppin' John" (black-eyed peas and rice) and greens is served to bring good luck to those who eat it.

Black-eyed peas are said to represent coins and greens represent money. Together, they ensure prosperity in the coming year.

The origins of this custom are uncertain—some believe west Africans brought the black-eyed pea and its reputation as a good luck food to this country; others say it is actually a vestige of a custom practiced by English slave owners. Some Japanese-Americans argue that their ancestors brought the black-eyed pea to the U.S. Whatever its beginnings, the tradition of eating black-eyed peas and rice on New Year's Day is very much a Southern one practiced by both African American and white Southerners. Families with Louisiana roots often substitute red beans and rice for "hoppin' John."

The African-American Kwanzaa ritual, while not specifically a New Year's celebration, is observed by many African-Americans looking to infuse their holidays with a greater sense of family and community and is very much a ceremony of renewal. Though Kwanzaa principles are rooted in African beliefs, the ritual was actually developed during the period of black cultural nationalism in the late 1960's.

Kwanzaa begins the day after Christmas and runs through New Year's Day. Each household prepares for Kwanzaa by setting up the traditional altar with a candle holder and seven candles (one for each day), a straw mat (representing the earth), a basket of fruit (representing the harvest), and an ear of corn for each child in the family. Each evening, after the meal, the candles are lit and readings appropriate for that day are offered. In unity, or faith, is the principle honored on New Year's Day, making the final day of Kwanzaa one of reflection, prayer and thanks.

Latino: Drawing Strength From Faith. While food and family are central to many cultures' New Year's observances, the coming of a new year has a special religious significance in others, especially in those influenced by the Spanish and Catholicism.

For Puerto Ricans, neither Christmas or New Year's is as important as Three Kings Day celebrated on January 6th. On this day, Puerto Rican families visit with relatives and friends, sharing the traditional meal and exchanging gifts. There is one New Year's Eve tradition, however, called Año de Viejos (Year of the Old Ones). Participants dress up as old people and travel from house to house, bar to bar, dancing. They are given money for their performances as they make their rounds, symbolizing the last moments of the new year.

In Ancient Aztec civilization, El Fuego (the New Fire), a major purification ceremony, was held every fifty-two years. Today it has been resurrected by a relatively small group of Mexicans who celebrate it each year by performing

ritual dances in a public square in Mexico City. Though El Fuego is observed, it is not practiced by most Mexicans. Many more bring in the new year by attending mass, having the midnight meal, and performing the folk customs of eating twelve grapes, one each minute before midnight, and tossing coins collected during the year in each of the four directions while standing in the middle of the street for good luck.

No matter how each particular culture welcomes the New Year, one thing is certain—all people share the desire to be with those they love and usher in another year, thankful for the opportunity to live just a bit longer, and hopeful that the new year will see them healthy and happy. Happy New Year!

Angela Mitchell is a freelance writer for Scientists Institute for Public Information.

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## Leaders arrested

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Tucker stated, "We are concerned parents, women, children and community leaders who say, 'Enough is Enough!'"

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE ONE YEAR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1994 - DECEMBER 31, 1994

The Housing Authority of the City of Plainfield requests proposals for attorneys/law firms to act as legal counsel to the Authority for the programs outlined in the request for proposals for the twelve month period ending 12/31/94. Proposals should address the following qualification factors which shall be used to evaluate proposals and include the proposal form:

- 1. Experience with Housing Authority Counsel or HUD legal work or real estate law ..... 30 points
- 2. Knowledge of and/or experience with HUD Public Housing Regulations and Procedures ..... 25 points
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- 5. State Housing Code and Landlord Tenancy Law ..... 10 points
- 6. Affirmative Action ..... 15 points

Demonstrate compliance with requirements P.L. 1975, C 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27). An Affirmative Action Plan is to be submitted as part of the proposal. Contractor to demonstrate record, ability and goals to make good faith affirmative action effort. Attorneys submitting proposals must be licensed to practice law in the state of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from HUD.

Parties interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Housing Authority for proposal at (908) 753-3127.

Proposals must be submitted to the address below and must be received not later than Thursday, December 30, 1993 in the attached format. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities in the proposal process.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD**  
**RICHARD D. FOX, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
510 EAST FRONT STREET  
PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060

12/22 & 12/29/93

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for "Legal Services" for the fiscal year 4/1/94 to 3/31/95. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and employ a duly qualified Attorney to act as General Counsel in all legal matters which may come in connection with the business and management of its various housing programs. All legal services must be provided in accordance with the existing rules, orders, directives and regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, provided that such compliance is in the best interest of the Authority and is required by law.

1. Scope of Legal Services
- The scope of legal services being requested will be as follows and will pertain to all of the Housing Authority's programs (including, but not limited to: Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Section 23 Leased Housing, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program).
- a) attend meetings of the Authority when requested.
- b) supervise drafting of all resolutions of the Authority.
- c) Supervise, as to legality, the official minutes of the Authority's meetings.
- d) confer with, advise the officers and employees of the Authority on Authority related matters, when required.
- e) consult with parties having business with the Authority, on such business, when requested to do so by the Authority.
- f) prepare contracts, legal instruments, legal documents, and other legal writings, as may be required in the interest of the Authority.
- g) review and approve the legality of Contracts, legal instruments, legal documents and other written legal material prepared by others and submitted to the Authority for action.
- h) handle in an appropriate manner, all legal questions and matters arising out of or under legal contracts, legal instruments, legal documents, and other legal materials with concerning the Authority.
- i) render legal opinions of all matters submitted by the Authority.

It is the intent of the Authority that the scope of legal services be as follows and will pertain to all of the Housing Authority's programs (including, but not limited to: Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Section 23 Leased Housing, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program).

- a) provide legal advice, assistance, and counsel in all actions arising at the Housing Authority.
- b) institute and bring to successful conclusion in Courts of original jurisdiction all actions for the recovery of possession of dwelling units or for the collection of rents and related charges;
- c) appear for and represent the Authority in all litigation matters, except extraordinary matters as hereafter provided.
- d) give notice to, and consult with, the Authority's insurance carriers in all cases of injury to person or loss or damage to property involving the Authority.

All costs associated with the items contained in the "Scope of Services" will be covered by the basic retainer. Any item that is not contained in the basic retainer will require approval by the Board of Commissioners by motion or resolution.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1) must be licensed to practice law in the State of N.J.
- 2) should have experience representing other Housing Authorities and an understanding of HUD funded programs and related federal regulations.
- 3) should be fully versed in NJ Local Public Contracts Law, NJ Open Public Meeting Act & State Local Housing Authorities Law.
- 4) must be approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

All qualified candidates interested in submitting a proposal for "Legal Services" should submit a written proposal based upon a lump-sum retainer. All fees must be reasonable and contained within the budget of any requested retainer. The proposal should contain an hourly rate for all services which would be considered extraordinary in scope and outside the basic retainer. The basic retainer will cover all items contained in the "Scope of Services" (See "Scope of Legal Services"). A copy of the candidates resume should be attached to the proposal listing all previous experience and qualifications. All proposals should be sealed (envelope marked: "Proposal for Legal Services") and delivered to the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 777 Fifth Street, Secaucus, N.J. on or before Feb 24, 1994 by 7:00 PM. Proposals delivered after 4:00 PM, must be delivered at the 7:00 PM meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

A copy of the RFP, rating system and standard form of legal services contract are available at the office of the Housing Authority.

## PROPOSAL REVIEW

All proposals will be reviewed according to the "Competitive Proposal" process outlined in the HUD Procurement Handbook 7460 S. HUD Notice PH 90-47. The Authority utilizes a proposal rating system which will be used to evaluate all proposals received in response to this RFP.

**WILLIAM F. SNYDER**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

12/29/93

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Any non-bidder upon so returning such set will be refunded zero.  
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Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of payment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF LONG BRANCH**  
**DAVID A. BROWN**  
**ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

12/15/93

## INVITATION TO BID

(Caring Services at West End Gardens, Elmwood Gardens and Richmond Towers).

The Housing Authority of Plainfield desires to obtain proposals for caring services for its three (3) housing developments. West End Gardens, 128 units, Elmwood Gardens, 120 units and Richmond Towers, 225 units.

Proposals forms and information may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms in two (2) sealed envelopes, showing the name and address of the contractor on the outside of the envelope, at the Housing Authority office on or before 2:00 p.m. January 6, 1994. Upon notification of acceptance of the proposal and award, the contractor will be required to immediately sign a contract and commence service. Contractor will also be required to submit evidence of required insurance. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informalities thereto.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD**  
**RICHARD D. FOX**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

12/15, 12/22, 12/29/93

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for accounting services for the fiscal year 4/01/94 to 3/31/95. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and employ a duly qualified Accountant to act as advisory for the Authority in all matters connected to the establishment and ongoing functions of the accounting books and records. All services must be accordance with the existing rules, orders, directives and regulations promulgated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (including the HUD Accounting handbook, the Financial Management handbook and the Annual Contributions Contract).

The services that are requested will be as follows and will relate to all of the Housing Authority's programs (including, but not limited to: Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Section 23 Leased Housing, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program).

- 1) Maintenance and establishment of the accounting books and records, including monthly posting to the general ledger. The books must be maintained in accordance with the principles and standards and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by HUD.
- 2) Preparation of budgets, financial statements and forms as required by law and the policies of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 3) Preparation of all requisitions and financial reports.
- 4) Preparation of all state and federal payroll forms and reports (including a yearly reconciliation of all payroll deductions).
- 5) Attendance at meetings with HUD staff, HUD Auditors, Independent Auditors and Commissioners as requested by the Board of Commissioners and/or Executive Director.
- 6) A copy of the income and expense ledgers or a trial balance of the ledgers showing the amounts budgeted and the actual amounts for the fiscal year to date shall be provided at the end of each calendar quarter (at a minimum).
- 7) Preparation of a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts shall be prepared promptly upon receipts of the bank statements.
- 8) Preparation of a reconciliation of balance of tenants accounts whenever the summary of transactions with tenants (as furnished by the Authority) does not agree with the accountant's control records.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1) Must be a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), licensed by the State of New Jersey or a Licensed Public Accountant.
- 2) Should have experience and an understanding of HUD funded programs.
- 3) Must be approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for accounting services should submit a proposal based upon a lump-sum fee (payment schedule to be established by the Authority). Proposals should be delivered to the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 777-5th Street, Secaucus, NJ on or before February 24th, 1994 by 7:00 PM meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Proposals will be evaluated according to the Housing Authority's "Competitive Evaluation System." A copy of the evaluation system has been attached to the RFP for review by these persons interested in submitting a proposal. All persons submitting a proposal are encouraged to contact the Housing Authority in an effort to personally review the financial operations of the Authority.

**WILLIAM F. SNYDER**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

12/29/93

## HEALTHY MOTHER/HEALTHY BABIES OF ESSEX, INC. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies of Essex, Inc. (HMHBS) is requesting proposals (RFP) for the continuation, development and expansion of services for women, infants and families residing in the target cities of East Orange, Irvington, Newark and Orange in Essex County, N.J. The total estimated funds available for fiscal year 1995 is \$600,000.

HMHBS is part of a nationwide public education campaign. It is a network of professionals, consumers, volunteers and government agencies with a common interest in improving maternal and child health.

Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies will fund a variety of projects which seek to:

- Ensure that women of childbearing age and their infants are aware of, have access to, and receive all necessary services;
- Improve the delivery of health, educational, social and supplemental services.
- Increase women and men's understanding of specific health risk and the importance of taking responsibility for health, childbearing, infant care and parenting.
- Reduce incidence of teenage pregnancy, low birth weight and infant mortality.

Parties interested in preparing a proposal must pick up a copy of the RFP between December 17, 1993 and January 7, 1994 between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 PM at:

Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies of Essex, Inc.  
Planned Parenthood Building  
151 Washington Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Complete proposals must be delivered by HMHBS no later than 3:30 PM on **Tuesday January 18, 1994.**

**JACQUELYN SPENCER**  
**COORDINATOR**

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**HELP WANTED** **HELP WANTED** **HELP WANTED** **HELP WANTED**

## EDITOR

Full time editor for metro Newark's #1

African American weekly newspaper. Must have minimum 3 years experience with a newspaper in editorial capacity. Competitive salary commensurate with experience.

Submit cover letter, resume, recent writing samples and/or tear sheets and recent reference by January 1, 1994 to: Jan Johnson, City News, PO Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

## DIRECTOR OF CIRCULATION

Circulation manager needed to supervise distribution operations for a group of African American publications. Must be flexible and have own transportation with clean driving record. Send cover letter and resume to J. Johnson, PO Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

## BID REQUEST

Request for Quotations from Minority & Women Business Enterprise Subcontractors

**Atlantic City Convention Center/Rail Terminal**  
**Bid Package #6A - Structural Steel**

Bid Date: January 5, 1994 - 2:00 p.m.

Interested firms should contact:

**Havens Steel Company**  
7219 East 17th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64126  
Attention: Charles H. Watson  
(816) 231-5724

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for accounting services for the fiscal year 4/01/94 to 3/31/95. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and employ a duly qualified Accountant to act as advisory for the Authority in all matters connected to the establishment and ongoing functions of the accounting books and records. All services must be accordance with the existing rules, orders, directives and regulations promulgated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (including the HUD Accounting handbook, the Financial Management handbook and the Annual Contributions Contract).

The services that are requested will be as follows and will relate to all of the Housing Authority's programs (including, but not limited to: Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Section 23 Leased Housing, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program).

- 1) Maintenance and establishment of the accounting books and records, including monthly posting to the general ledger. The books must be maintained in accordance with the principles and standards and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by HUD.
- 2) Preparation of budgets, financial statements and forms as required by law and the policies of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 3) Preparation of all requisitions and financial reports.
- 4) Preparation of all state and federal payroll forms and reports (including a yearly reconciliation of all payroll deductions).
- 5) Attendance at meetings with HUD staff, HUD Auditors, Independent Auditors and Commissioners as requested by the Board of Commissioners and/or Executive Director.
- 6) A copy of the income and expense ledgers or a trial balance of the ledgers showing the amounts budgeted and the actual amounts for the fiscal year to date shall be provided at the end of each calendar quarter (at a minimum).
- 7) Preparation of a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts shall be prepared promptly upon receipts of the bank statements.
- 8) Preparation of a reconciliation of balance of tenants accounts whenever the summary of transactions with tenants (as furnished by the Authority) does not agree with the accountant's control records.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1) Must be a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), licensed by the State of New Jersey or a Licensed Public Accountant.
- 2) Should have experience and an understanding of HUD funded programs.
- 3) Must be approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for accounting services should submit a proposal based upon a lump-sum fee (payment schedule to be established by the Authority). Proposals should be delivered to the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 777-5th Street, Secaucus, NJ on or before February 24th, 1994 by 7:00 PM meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Proposals will be evaluated according to the Housing Authority's "Competitive Evaluation System." A copy of the evaluation system has been attached to the RFP for review by these persons interested in submitting a proposal. All persons submitting a proposal are encouraged to contact the Housing Authority in an effort to personally review the financial operations of the Authority.

**WILLIAM F. SNYDER**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT NO. NJ51-2, 3 & 5

The Housing Authority of the Borough of Glassboro

Separate sealed bids for Coin-operated Laundry Equipment for a 3-dormitory apartment complexes located in Glassboro, New Jersey, will be received by the Housing Authority of the Borough of Glassboro at their office located at 737 Lincoln Blvd., Glassboro, N.J., until 11:00 o'clock A.M. S.T., Thursday, January 13, 1994, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the Housing Authority office, 737 Lincoln Blvd., Glassboro, N.J. Copies also may be obtained at this office.

If you have any questions regarding this bid, or to arrange for a site visit, contact Harry Castor at (609)881-5211.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

**ARENDA ROLAX**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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# 1993-94 City News-area boys basketball preview

by Mark Prioleau

You can find holiday cheer and boos at an area high school gymnasium near you. No, there won't be a Santa Claus or any spiked eggnog. But you will enjoy the electrifying atmosphere of local boys high school basketball during the holiday tournament time of year. My present to you: The 1993-94 City News-area boys basketball preview:

**Bergen County**  
1. Teaneck: The Highwaymen come off a 16-8 season (12-2 in the NNJHL), finishing the season with a loss to Bogota in the second round of the Bergen County Tournament, and a quick cameo first round exit courtesy of Lakeland in the Group IV North Jersey, section 1 state playoffs.

Third year Head Coach Curtis March is still in search of a County Championship since taking over the boys program in 1991. He'll make a run at the title this year with 6-4 senior Corey Goodall, who is a division I-A prospect, last year averaging 17 points and 13 rebounds per game respectively. Goodall will get help from 6-2 junior floor leader Maurice Williams, 5-10 senior Tony Clarke (when he becomes eligible in January), and 5-11 sophomore

standout Michael Nurse, who could emerge as Teaneck's go-to guy. Also a key could be 6-0 senior Loren Ruffino contributes early in the season after coming off a knee injury that kept him out for more than half the season.

2. Bergen Catholic  
3. Hackensack  
4. Ramapo  
5. Bogota

**Union County**  
1. St. Patrick's: In his sixth season as Head Coach of the Celtics, Kevin Boyle has adopted a theory commonly used by Atlantic-10 college basketball teams such as Temple and UMass. That is, play anybody, anywhere, anytime, and your program will improve by simply playing the best. But when Boyle scheduled his team to take on nationally ranked high school power houses #1 Oak Hill, #6 Rice, #3 DeMatha, #11 Simon Gratz, #15 Dunbar, #18 St. Joseph (Ohio), and a few perennial local teams, he must have just finished watching Rocky XV.

With St. Patrick's monster schedule, Boyle relies heavily on 5-9 sophomore All-American Shaheen Holloway, who, as a freshman last year averaged 18.5 points and 9.1 assists per game. He'll get lots of

support down low from another blue chip player, 6-5 junior Radec Benson, who managed to flush one on North Carolina's Rashad Wallace, who attended Simon Gratz in Philadelphia a year ago as a high school senior. The Celtics will get a boost on January 15th when 6-5 sophomore transfer Winston Smith enters the picture. Smith averaged 17.5 points a game last year while attending Summit. St. Pat's won 21 games that season, and Boyle admits that number could easily be opposite in '94 with their schedule.

2. Hillside  
3. Union Catholic  
4. Elizabeth  
5. Linden

**Somerset County**  
1. Bridgewater-Raritan: Tim Ortel returns to school where he was once an assistant coach under the legendary late Vaughn Stapleton, who passed away mid-way through last season. In the past, Bridgewater has been the dominate team by far in Somerset County, but this season, several past victims of the Panthers are as close as they will ever be to licking their chops before doing battle.

Bridgewater is an inexperienced team with 5-9 senior Clarence Talley

and 6-3 junior Brian Dilgard finding themselves in starting roles for the first time in their careers. Ortel says he's confident that his team will do well, but it won't happen overnight. If juniors Kevin Kretschy (6-3) and Jachim Gilliard (6-2) step it up early on, Bridgewater can once again rule the county.

2. Franklin  
3. Somerville  
4. Hillsborough  
5. Immaculata

**Mercer County**  
1. Notre Dame: The Irish return two key players from last year's 19-5 team that beat McCorristin in the Parochial. A South Jersey state playoffs, 6-1 senior John Buchere and 6-1 All-County senior Eric Lampkin are experienced veterans who simply don't make too many mistakes. The help will come from 6-3 junior Kevin McKinney and 6-2 senior Jared Broach. Notre Dame was hit with a major blow when 6-3 senior Mikie Hackett suffered a knee injury in his anterior cruciate, and he will be missed for the season. 6-2 junior Kevin Cristofaletti will get the nod at the shooting guard and look to knock down the three. Look for the

Irish to pressure defensively, and push the ball up on the offensive attack, but don't get fooled with the success of the transition game. Notre Dame excels in the half court offense with the best of them.

2. Trenton  
3. Princeton  
4. West Windsor  
5. McCorristin

**Morris County**  
1. Delbarton: Dan Whalen's team will have to do without four starters from the '92-'93 Green Wave team which ended up with a 20-4 record. Returning to this year's squad is New Jersey standout, 6-6 senior Bill DiSpallo, who has already committed to attend Vanderbilt. He is versatile player who can shoot the three, rebound, play defense, and play either side of the ball on the inside or out on the perimeter. 6-1 senior point guard Robert Lopez will run the show for Delbarton while drawing his first ever starting assignment.

When this year, his biggest team ever with 6-5 junior Josh Small Jr. and 6-4 senior Matt Dzamba to help take the load off DiSpallo.

2. Mendham  
3. Morristown  
4. West Morris  
5. Bonton

**Passaic County**  
1. Eastside: Head Coach Henry Baker Sr. has an abundance of talent in his program. Last season the Ghosts went 16-9, but did figure out a way to win the Passaic County Championship via Passaic.

Baker returns a nice mix of veterans and underclassmen to his varsity squad, not to mention a loaded junior varsity team. 6-2 senior Kwesti Moody, 6-3 junior Roger Alexander (an All-State Defensive-End in football), and 6-4 senior Henry Baker Jr., the coaches' son, make up this year's starting front court. The backcourt consists of seniors Carlton McKencie and Jaleel Strawbridge at the point and shooting guards respectively. Baker's young sophomore tandem of 6-6 Terrence Smith and 6-3 Dion Fuller are future division I-A prospects.

2. Passaic  
3. Kennedy  
4. Paterson Catholic  
5. Don Bosco Tech

## Sportlight

by R.L. Greene

Once upon a time when the world was much younger, television came in only two colors, black and white, which was one more color than football players usually did on New Year's Day.

Across the country, there was only one big game for those black football fans who did have access to television sets. The Rose Bowl, pitting the champions of the Pacific-10 and Big Ten conferences, had black players not only performing, but starring on the field.

In those days of yesteryear, the University of Mississippi and Alabama and Louisiana State and Arkansas and other schools from the Deep South kept the other bowl

games as their own private post season party.

My, how times have changed. On New Year's Day, the mythical national collegiate champion will be decided when undefeated Nebraska and once-beaten Florida State battle in the Orange Bowl. Miami takes on Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl. Notre Dame meets Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl and West Virginia and Florida meet in the Sugar Bowl.

It's also a good thing today's television sets are in color. Florida State, Miami, Notre Dame and Nebraska all are led by black quarterbacks, while West Virginia's second-string, signal-caller, Darren Studdstill, is also black.

Florida State's Charlie Ward is the recent winner of the Heisman

Trophy, emblematic of being the best college football player in the nation. His winning margin over Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler was second only to O.J. Simpson's Heisman-winning victory over Purdue's Leroy Keyes in 1968, when more ballots were distributed.

Ward has been almost magical in running Florida State's Fast Break Offense, a no-huddle strategy that prevents defenses from substituting easily and often places Ward in a shotgun formation. This season, he completed 264 of 310 passes, 69.5 percent, for 3,042 yards. And when pressured out of the pocket, Ward is one of the most dangerous runners in college football today.

At the University of Miami,

which is known as Quarterback U., Ryan Collins has taken over the signal-calling role. In their last game, Collins threw for 392 yards and three touchdowns as the Hurricanes defeated Memphis State for their record-matching 57th consecutive home victory, a mark established by Alabama from 1963-82.

In the game, Collins was magnificent, completing 32 of 48 school-record 54 attempts with two interceptions. His touchdown throws covered 54, 2 and 25 yards, and he also ran 22 yards for another score.

The old Miami record of 82 pass attempts was set by Craig Erickson in 1990. "Ryan made some big plays for us," Miami coach Dennis Erickson said. "They blitzed us about every down."

"We got to him sometimes,

but he kept getting up," Memphis State coach Chuck Stobart said. "He was very accurate and performed well."

Nebraska has lost its last six bowl games, all but one to Miami or Florida State. This year, the Big Eight champion Cornhuskers will be led by Tony Frazier, a native of Bradenton, Fla.

"I'm more prepared this year," Frazier said of playing in a game that will determine the national championship. "I only had six games under my belt last year, but all I have to do now is play the way I've been playing all year."

Like Florida State, Notre Dame has suffered just one loss, a shocker to Boston College the week after the Irish knocked Florida State from the ranks of the unbeaten. Notre

Dame's high-powered offense usually stays on the ground, but Kevin McDougal is equally adept at running or passing.

Although he's listed as the No. 2 quarterback, Studdstill is not a bench warmer at West Virginia. "People say we don't put up the points like Florida State or the other teams," Studdstill said of the Mountaineers, who are still reeling only their second undefeated regular season in school history. "But when our backs are against the wall, we come through. We might not be the best individual talents...but on the field, pound for pound, I think we are the best team in the nation."

Now for a channel-hopping New Year's Day and that beautiful mosaic television set. Happy holidays.

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